

IN THE CLAIMS

1. – 21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) A projectile sealing arrangement including at least two projectiles coupled together by a frangible coupling to form a chain, ~~wherein~~wherein each projectile has a head portion, a tail portion and a ~~respective~~ propellant charge, ~~the tail portion of the leading projectile and the head portion of the trailing projectile form a seal around the propellant charge of the leading projectile, and wherein the frangible coupling includes a first retaining means disposed between~~on the tail portion of ~~a~~the leading projectile ~~engaged by a screw action with a second retaining means disposed on~~ and the head portion of ~~a~~the trailing projectile.

23. (Currently Amended) ~~A sealing~~An arrangement according to claim 22 wherein ~~the tail portion of the leading projectile and the head portion of the trailing projectile form a seal around the propellant charge of the leading projectile~~the seal includes contact between complementary surfaces on the leading and trailing projectiles.

24. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~A sealing arrangement according to claim 22 or 23 wherein the seal includes an adhesive connection between the leading and trailing projectiles.

25. (Currently Amended) ~~A sealing~~An arrangement according to claim 22, 23 or 24 wherein the ~~first and second~~ retaining means ~~are threadably engaged~~includes a threaded connection between the leading and trailing projectiles.

26. (Currently Amended) An arrangement according to claim 23 wherein the seal includes contact between complementary surfaces on the leading and trailing projectiles~~A sealing arrangement according to claim 22, 23 or 24 wherein the retaining means includes an adhesive connection between the leading and trailing projectile.~~

27. (Currently Amended) An arrangement as in claim 22 wherein the first and second retaining means include complementary spigot and socket~~A chain of projectiles including at least two projectiles coupled together by a frangible coupling, wherein each projectile has a head portion, a tail portion and a sealed propellant charge, and the coupling includes retaining means disposed between the tail portion of a leading projectile and the head portion of a trailing projectile.~~

28. – 29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) A chain as in claim 28 or 29~~An arrangement as in claim 27 wherein the spigot means and socket means are provided on the trailing and leading projectiles respectively.~~

31. (Currently Amended) A chain as in claim 28, 29 or 30~~An arrangement as in claim 22 wherein either the spigot or the socket~~the first or second retaining means is frangible.

32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently Amended) A chain as in at least one of the claims 27 to 32~~An arrangement~~

as in claim 22 wherein the coupling is broken by combustion of the propellant charge in the leading projectile.

34. (Currently Amended) An arrangement as in claim 22A chain as in at least one of the claims 27 to 33 wherein the propellant charge is contained in the tail portion of the leading projectile and provides part of the first retaining means.

35. (Currently Amended) A chain as in claim 34 An arrangement as in claim 22 wherein the first retaining means includes a socket formed in the propellant charge.

36. – 40. (Canceled)

41. (Currently Amended) A projectile for a chain of projectiles, having a head portion, a tail portion and a respective propellant charge, the tail portion having a first retaining means and the head portion having a second retaining means, wherein each of the first and second retaining means is able to engage corresponding retaining means on a trailing or leading projectile in a chain by a screw action to the head and tail portions having sealing means that form respective propellant seals, and having retaining means that form respective frangible couplings, when joined together with a tail portion or a head portion of a leading or trailing projectile in the chain.

42. (Currently Amended) A projectile according to claim 41 wherein the first and second retaining means includes a socket and a spigot in the head portion and a socket in the tail portion.

43. (Original) A projectile according to claim 42 wherein either the spigot or the socket is frangible.

44. (Currently Amended) A projectile according to ~~one of the claims 41 to 42~~claim 41 wherein the ~~first and second~~ retaining means of adjacent projectiles are threaded together.

45. (Currently Amended) A projectile as in ~~one of the claims 41 to 44~~claim 41 wherein each coupling is frangible by virtue of combustion of the propellant charge in the leading projectile.

46. (Canceled)

47. (Currently Amended) A projectile as in claim 46 wherein the ~~first~~ retaining means includes a socket formed in the propellant charge.

48. (Currently Amended) A projectile as in claim 41 wherein the tail portion includes a sealing surface which forms a seal with the trailing projectile ~~one of the claims 41 to 42~~ wherein the sealing means includes a sealing surface on the tail portion that contacts a sealing surface on the head portion of a trailing projectile in the chain.

49. – 64. (Canceled)